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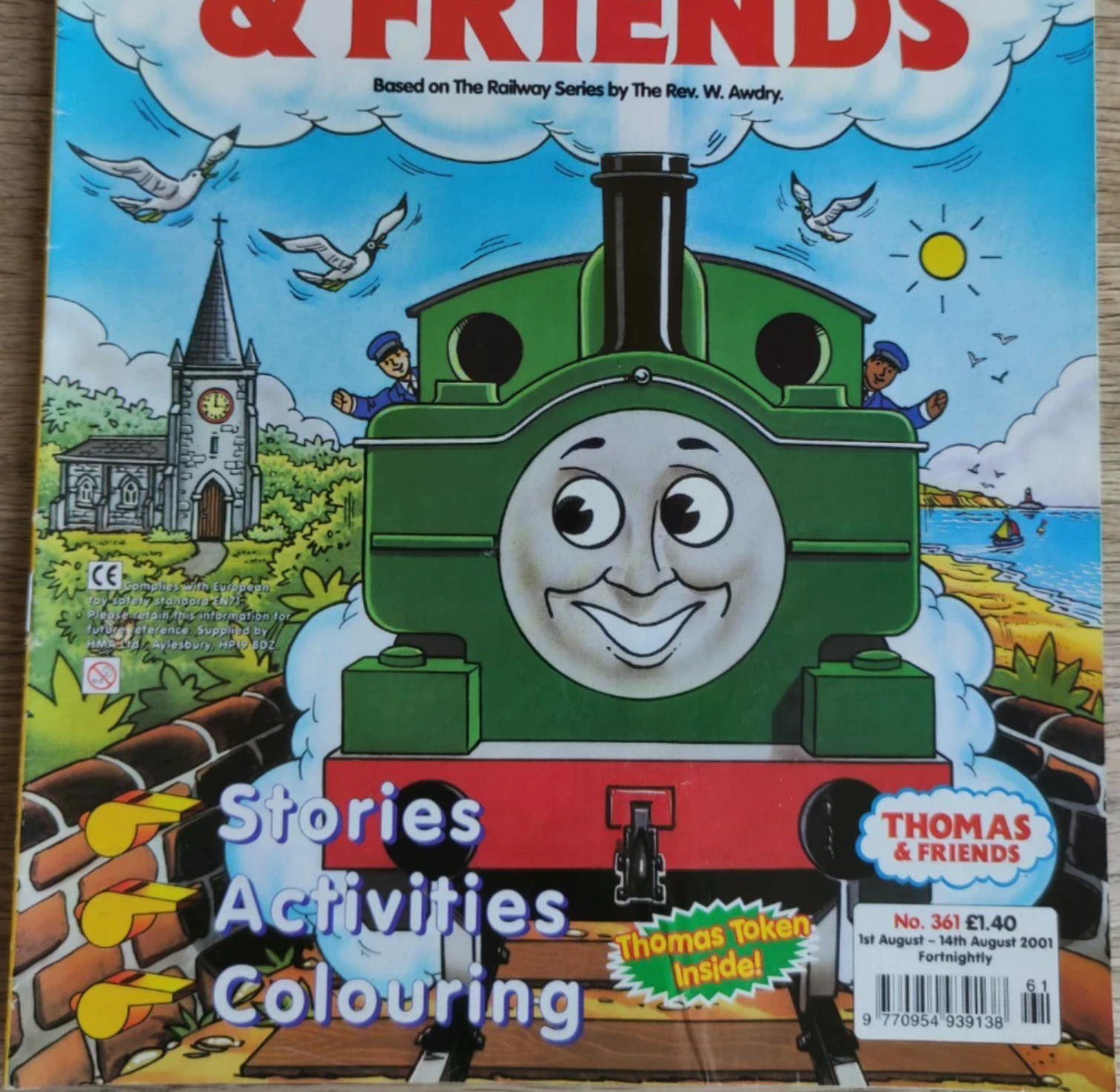

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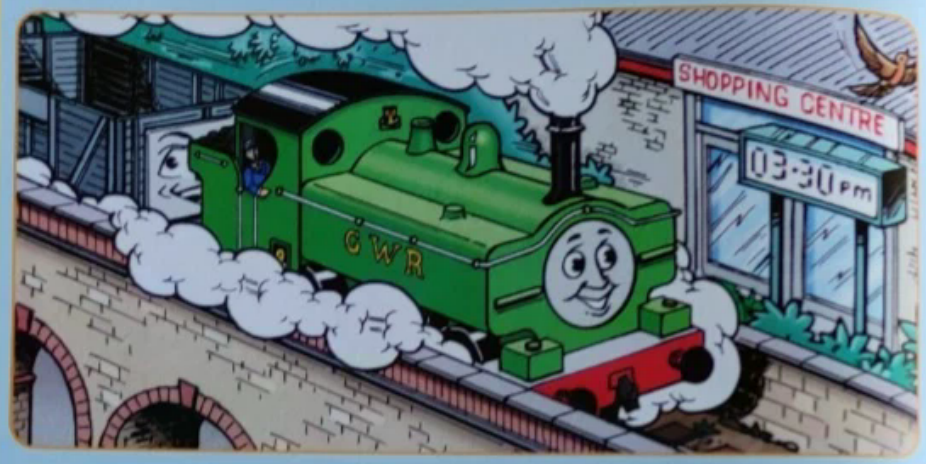
Keeping Time

1. One day, in the yard, The Fat Controller spoke to his engines. "Really Useful Engines keep good time," he said. "Some of you have been running late. It won't do!"

2. "He can't mean me," said Duck as he steamed off on his coastal line. Shortly, he neared a church. As usual, Duck heard the clock on the church tower striking loudly.



3. BONG! BONG! BONG! Duck counted the chimes. "If I go past at precisely three o'clock, I know I'm on time," he chuffed happily. Soon Duck saw a different clock.

4. Instead of it being round, with hour and minute hands, this clock showed a line of numbers. It was an electrically-powered, digital clock at a busy shopping centre.

5. By now, the numbers on this clock read '3.30.' Duck knew that was half-past three. "Good! I'm always here at the same time," he said, "I must be on schedule."

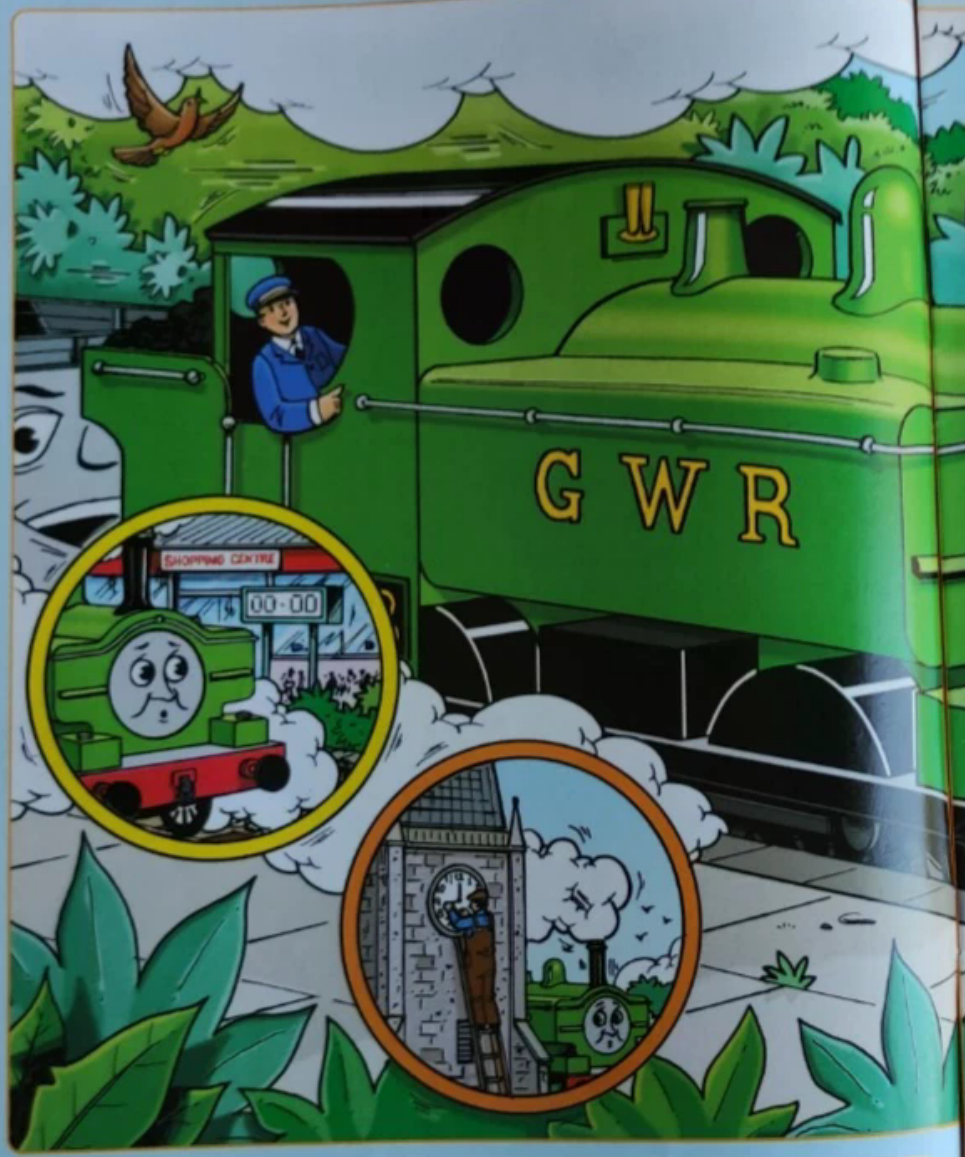
6. Before long, Duck pulled up at the big harbour as the afternoon passenger steamer was leaving. "It always sails for the mainland at four o'clock," said Duck.

7. "As long as I get here to see it depart, I'm bang on time," he thought. The following day, Duck was puzzled because he had reached the church clock early.

8. "That's strange! It only reads a quarter to three," shouted his driver. "I must have been going too fast," said Duck. "I'll slow down or I'll be ahead of time!"

9. Although Duck rolled along very steadily indeed, he passed the digital clock twenty minutes too soon. "I'd better crawl all the way to the big harbour!" he cried.

10. When Duck finally arrived, the steamer was taking on passengers. "You're late!" the stationmaster called. "The ferry hasn't even left yet!" replied Duck.



11. "It's broken down," said the harbour stationmaster. Duck was shocked. On the way home, as he waited at a signal, he saw the digital clock had been turned off.

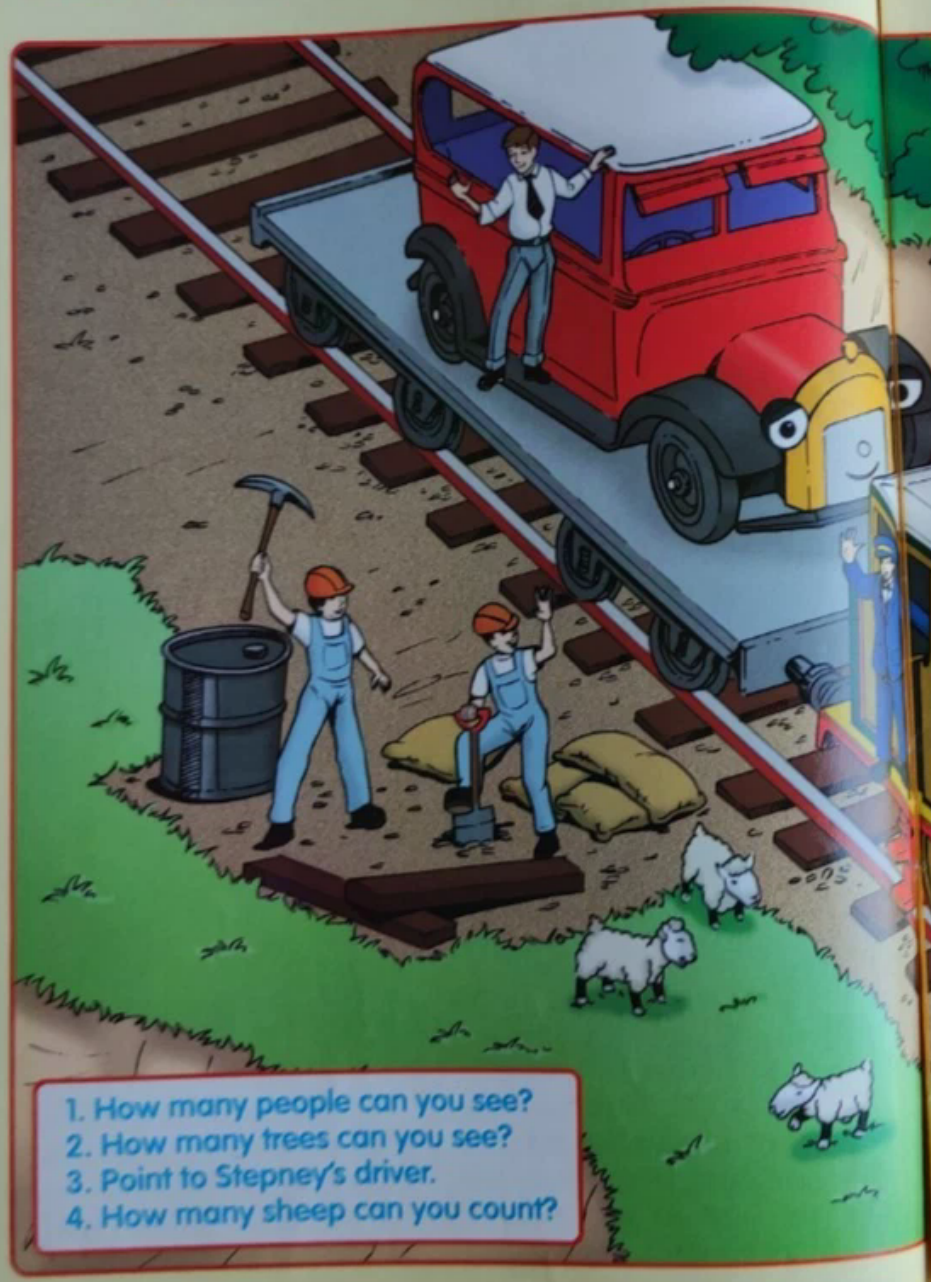
12. "It's gone wrong," a lady told Duck's driver. Further along a man was mending the church clock. "It's losing time," he said. "I must make some up!" sighed Duck.

13. So he raced back to the Main Station as fast as his whizzing wheels would go. "At least you're here on schedule," said The Fat Controller, looking at his watch.

14. "The harbour stationmaster rang me to say you were late," he went on. "But it wasn't my fault, sir," gasped Duck. "Everything else was behind time!"

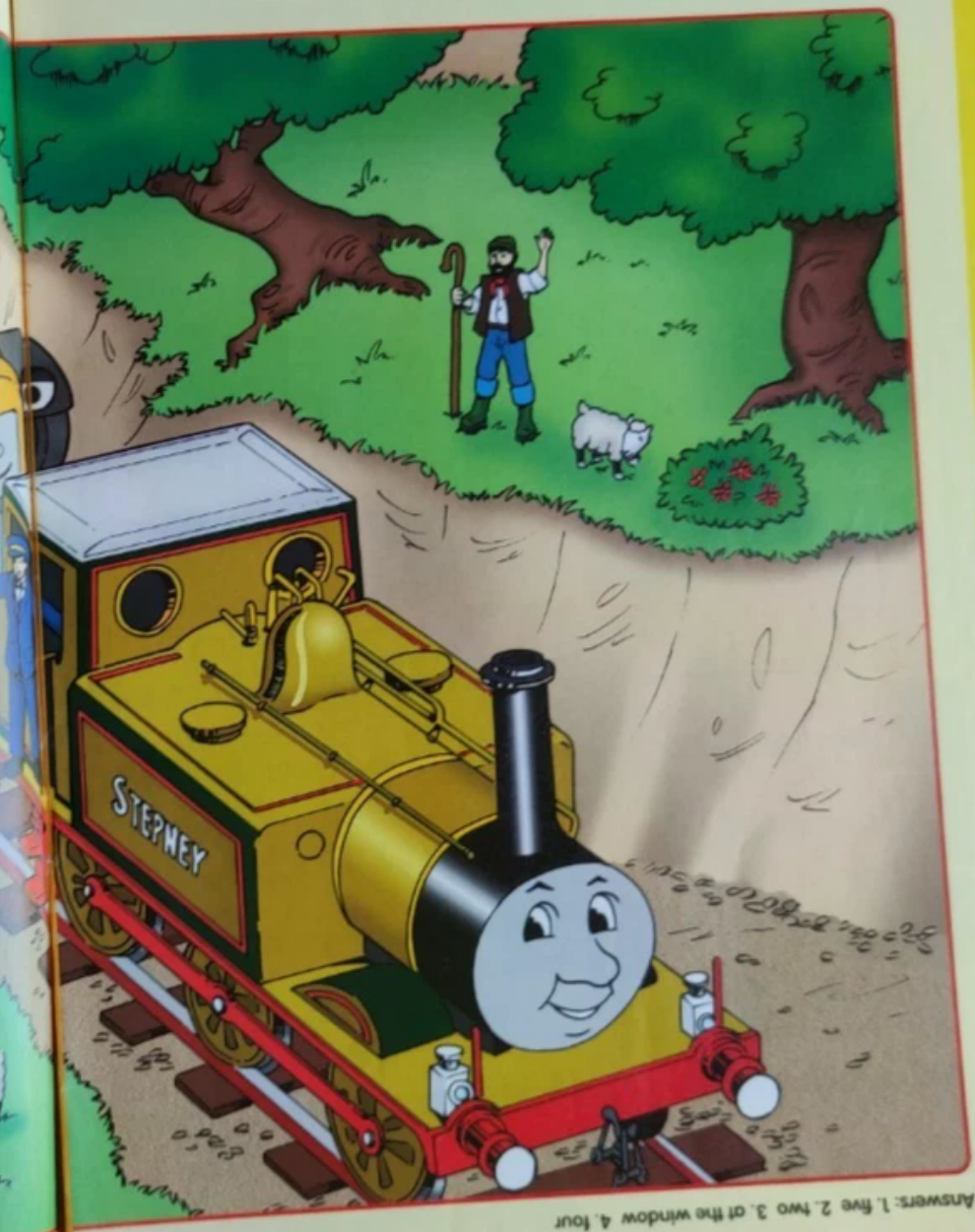
The End

Look and See!



1. How many people can you see?
2. How many trees can you see?
3. Point to Stepney's driver.
4. How many sheep can you count?

Caroline has broken down on the mountain roads. Stepney is pulling her on a flat truck.



Answers: 1. five 2. two 3. on the window 4. four

Who Said That?

rebus story

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

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mountains

clouds

sun

rainbow

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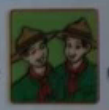
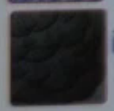
rain

fire

deer

eagle

was taking some  and their leaders up into the for a camping trip. The was shining and there were no  in the sky. When reached the campground the and leaders got out and began to put up a big .

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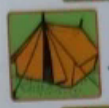
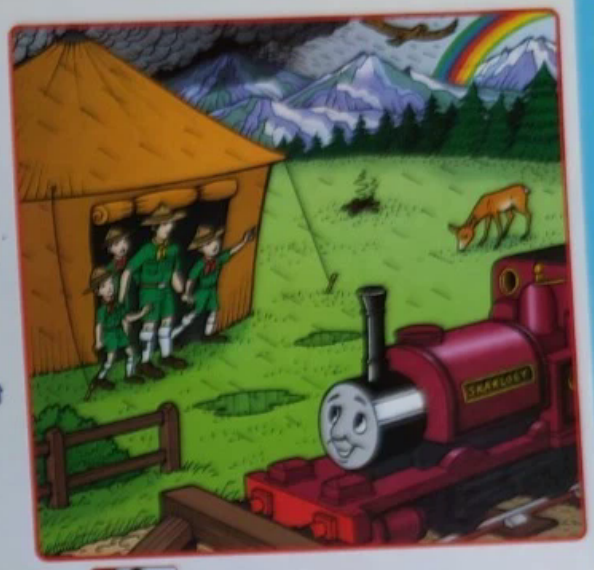
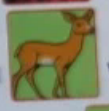
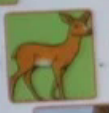
back home. They all sat around a to sing songs. But suddenly,

the disappeared and filled the sky. Then it started to . The ran to the  . The put the out. "I think we'll have to go home

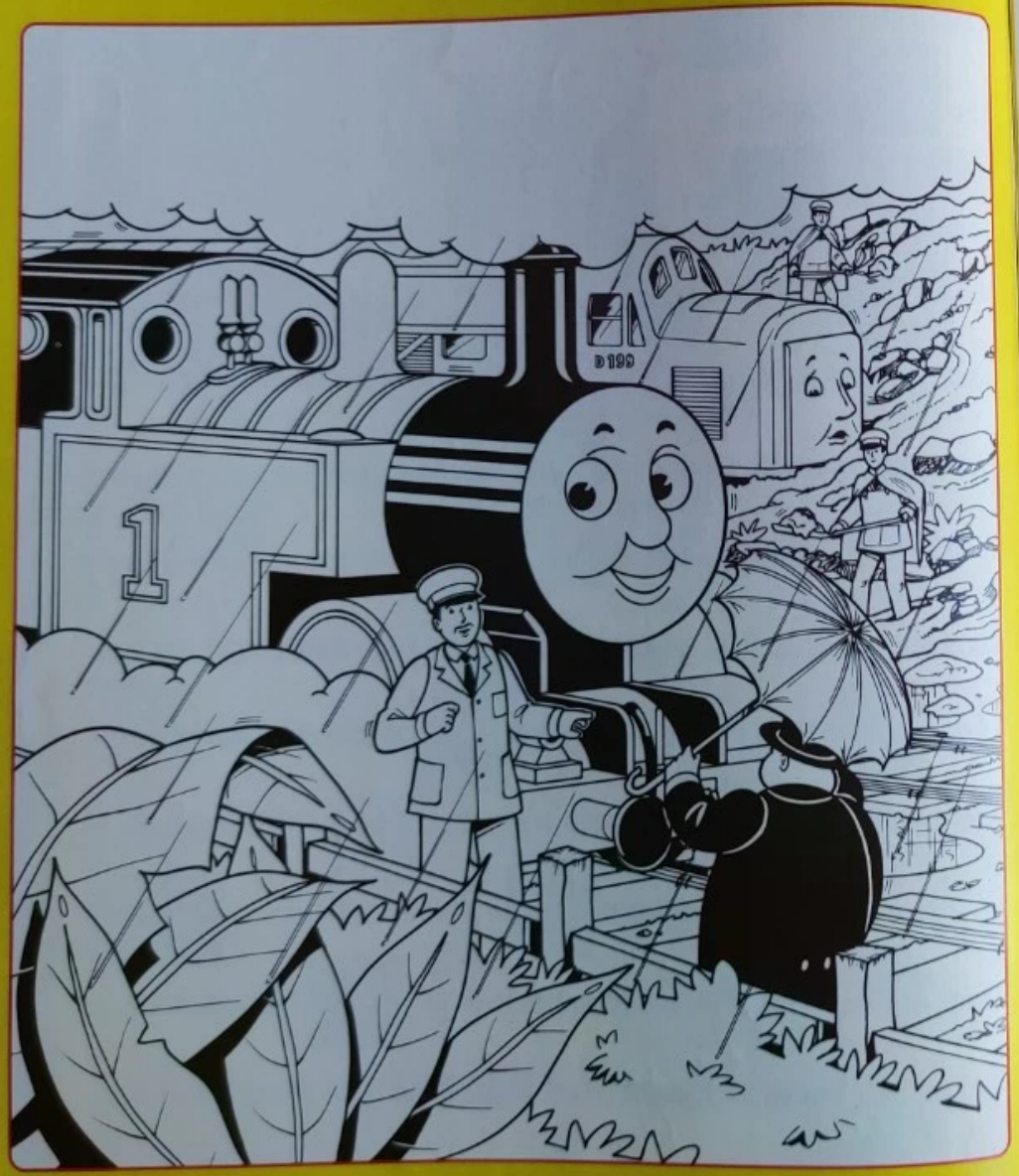


now," said one of the leaders. started to get ready to go again. But just as the leader spoke, a  walked into the campsite. The boys kept quiet as they watched the  . Then they heard the call of an . They looked up and the was flying overhead! Then, a beautiful appeared over the . "But we don't want to go home yet!" said the . "We don't mind the ! There are so many other things for us to see!" was pleased that he didn't have to go right away and that he could stay in the beautiful for a little while longer.

The End

Colouring Fun

Colour in this splendid picture with your brightest crayons.



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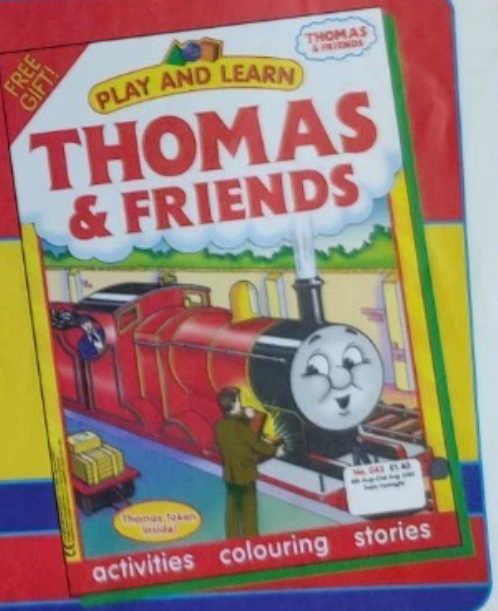

Story puzzle

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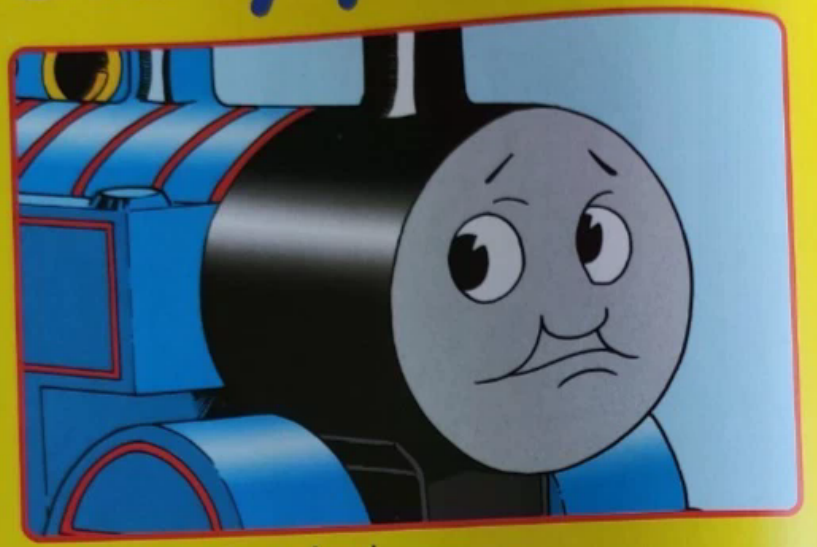

Thomas has run out of coal.

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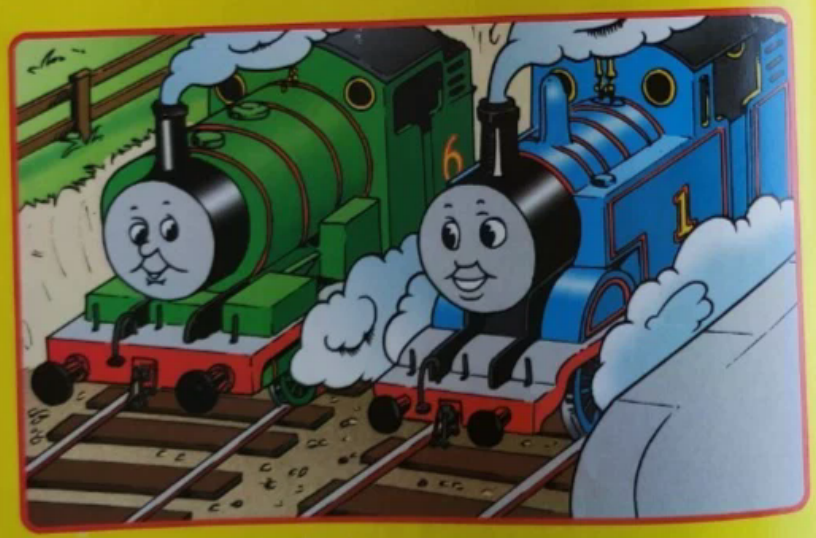

Thomas happily chuffs along.

The right order is ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

This story is all mixed-up! Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in.

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The fire is lit.

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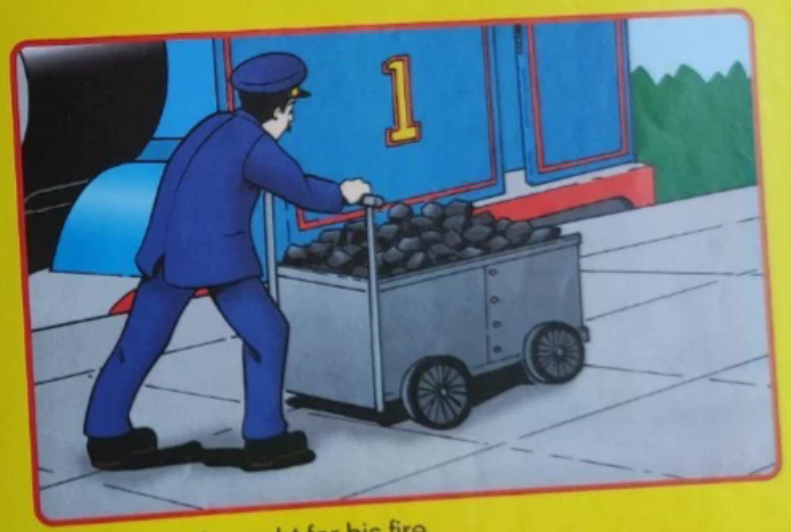

Some coal is brought for his fire.

Can you spot Percy in one of the pictures?

answer: 1, 4, 2, 3.

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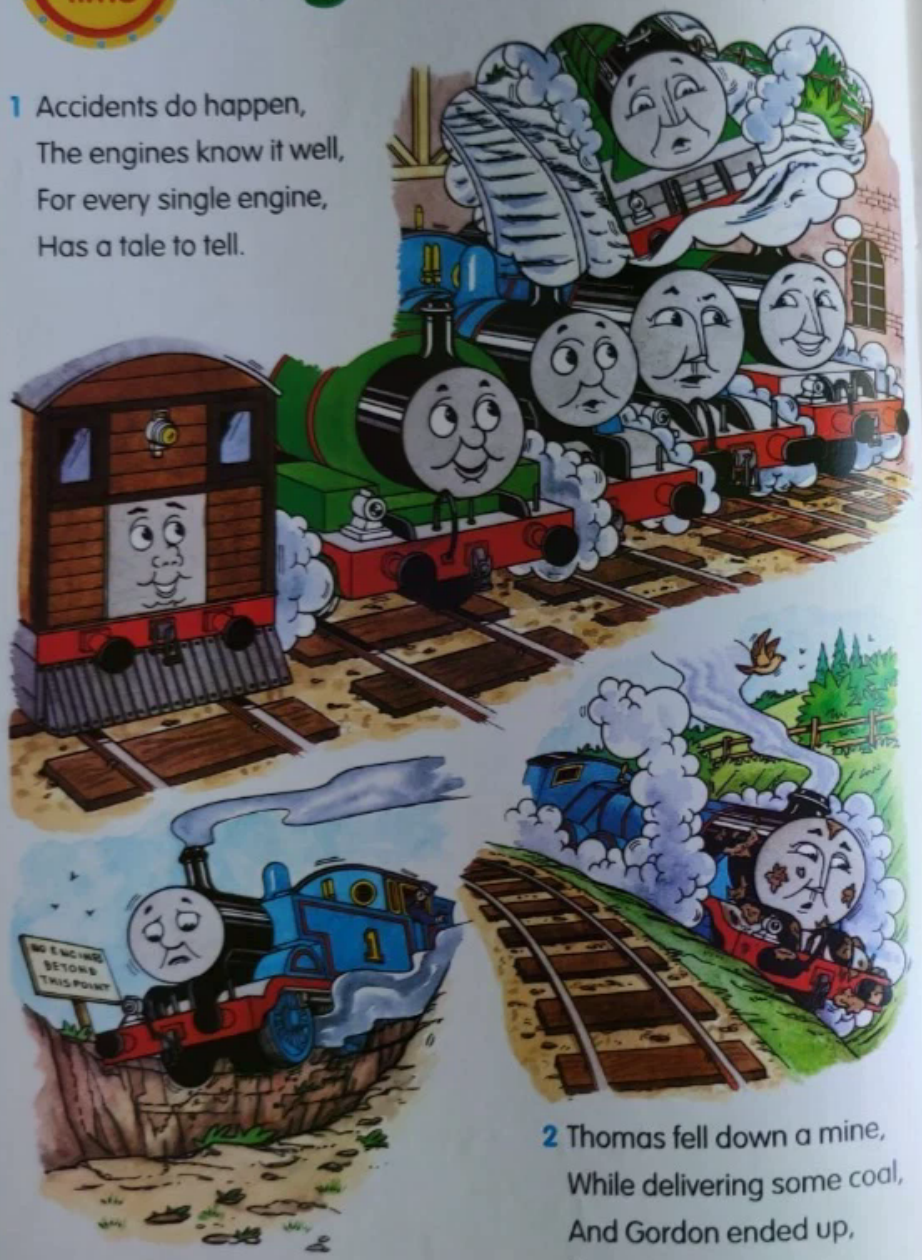
Thomas' rhyme time

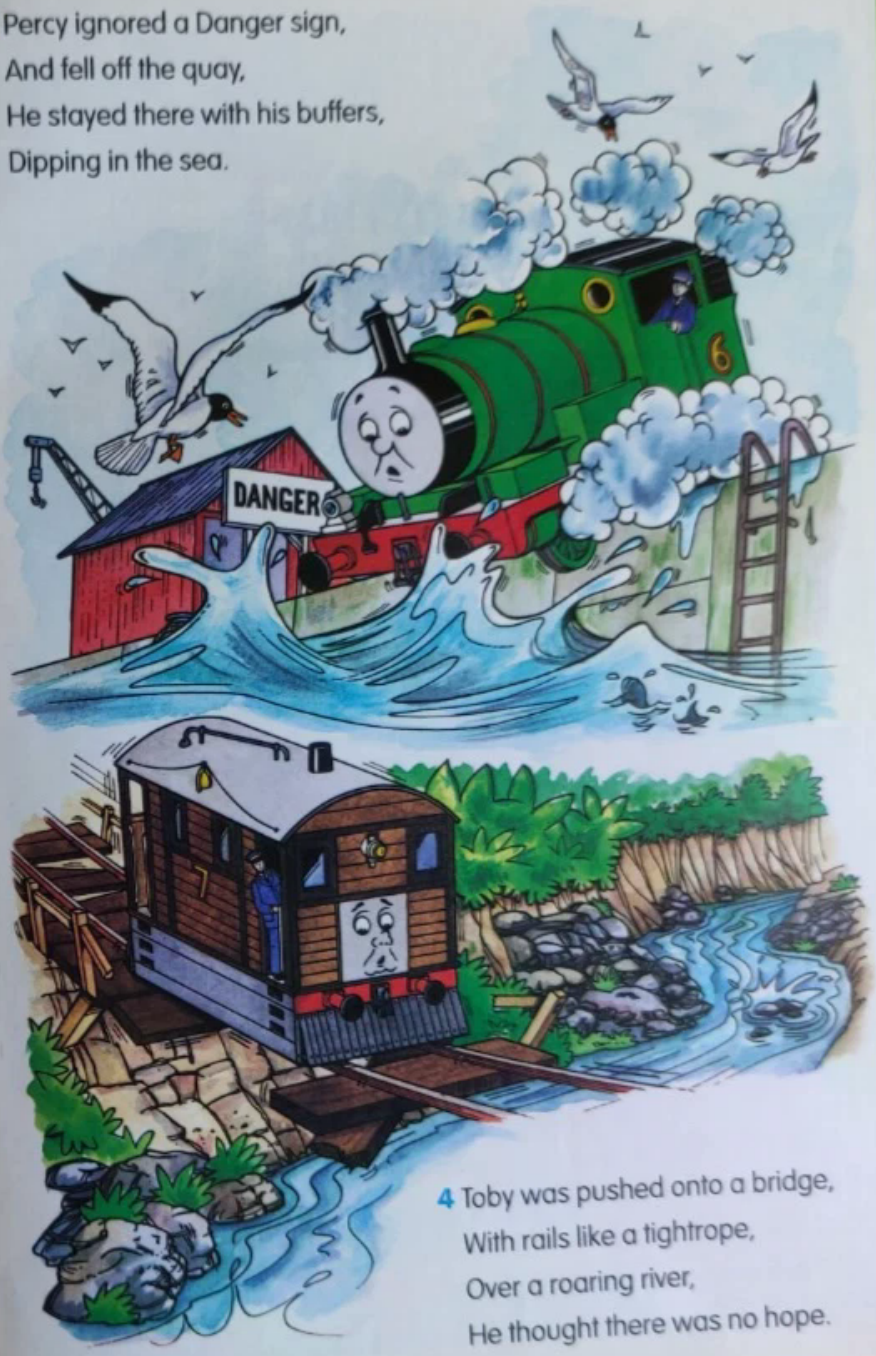
Engine Trouble

1 Accidents do happen,
The engines know it well,
For every single engine,
Has a tale to tell.

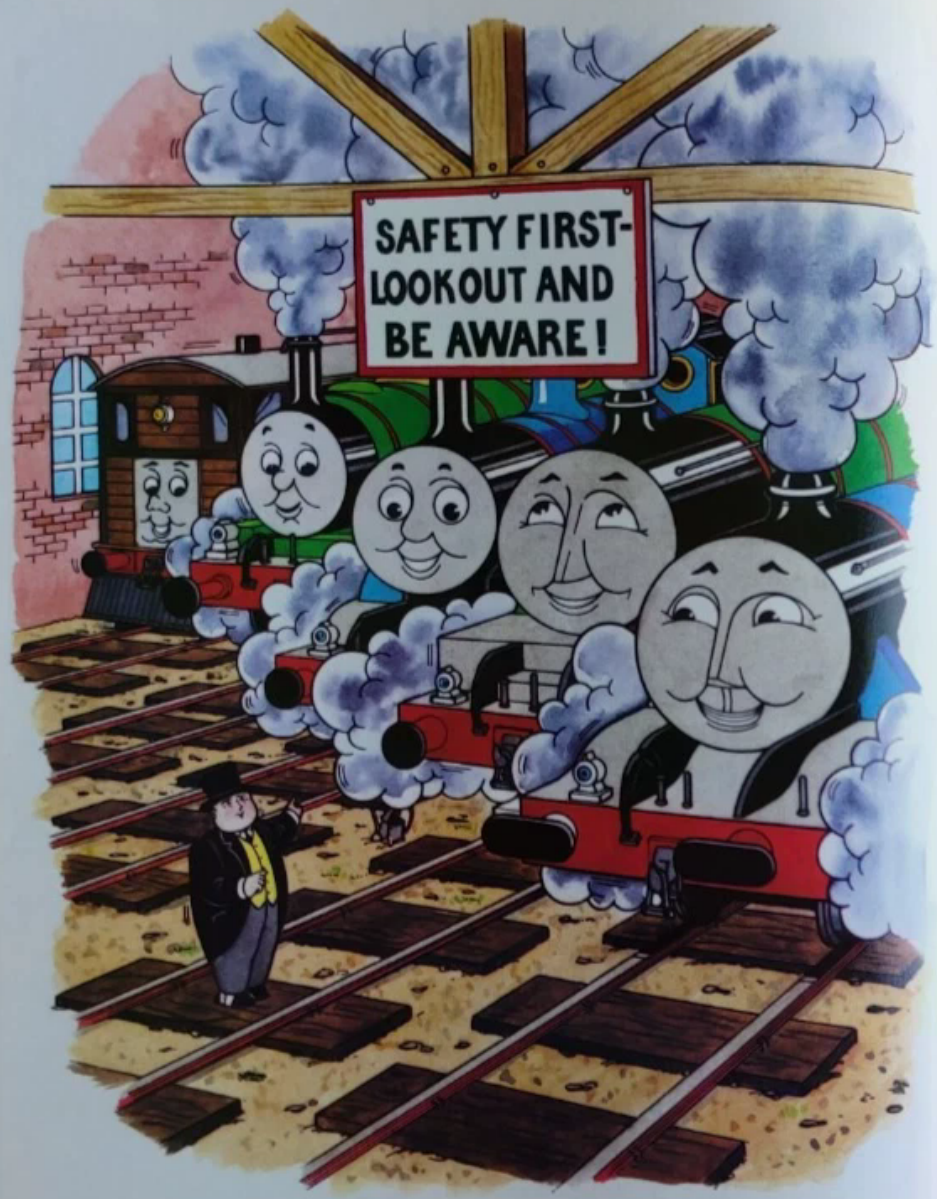


2 Thomas fell down a mine,
While delivering some coal,
And Gordon ended up,
Stuck in a muddy hole.

3 Percy ignored a Danger sign,
And fell off the quay,
He stayed there with his buffers,
Dipping in the sea.



4 Toby was pushed onto a bridge,
With rails like a tightrope,
Over a roaring river,
He thought there was no hope.



5 The Fat Controller tells his engines,
That they must take great care,
So that there are no more accidents,
"Look out and be aware."

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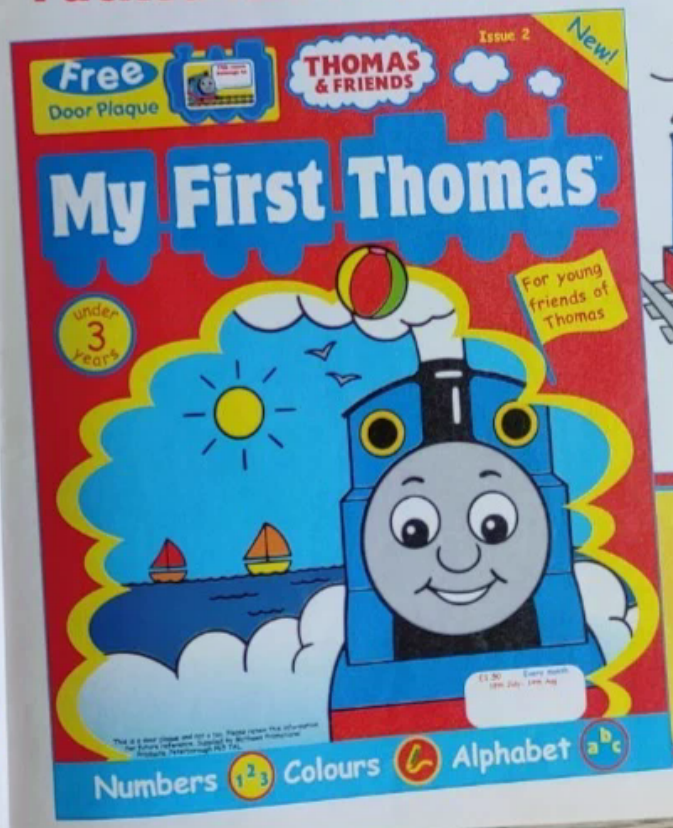

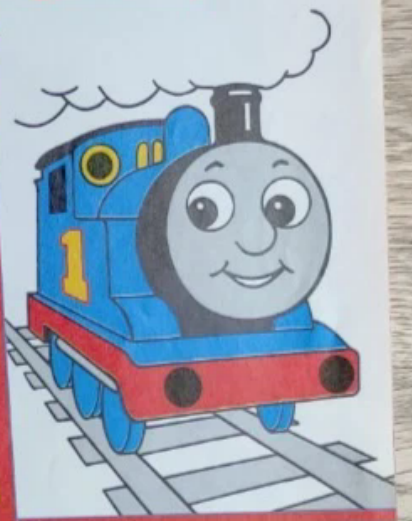

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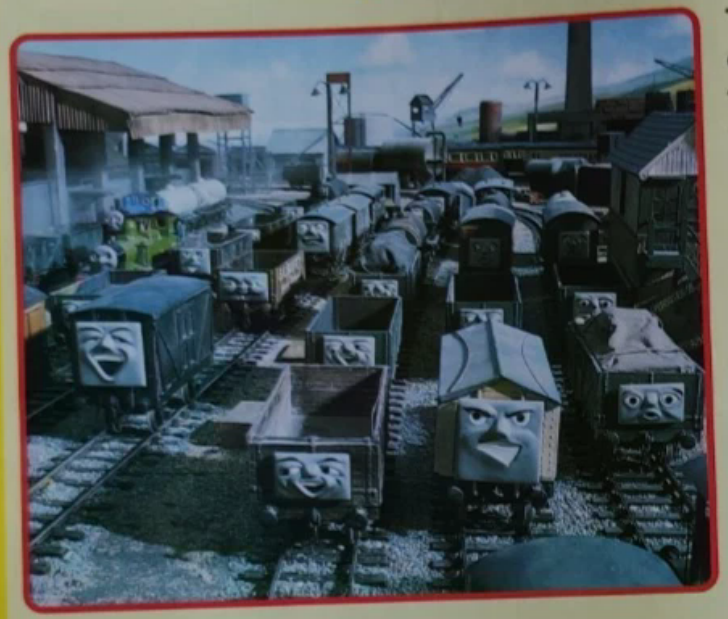
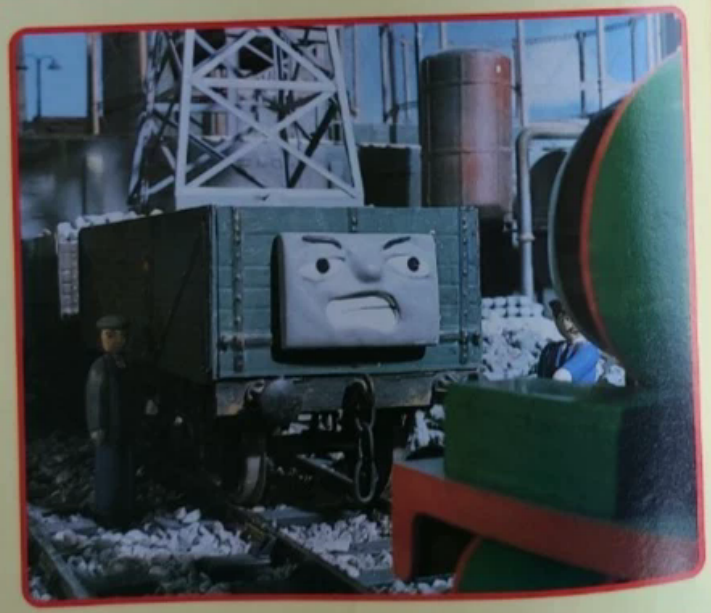
A day in the life of trucks



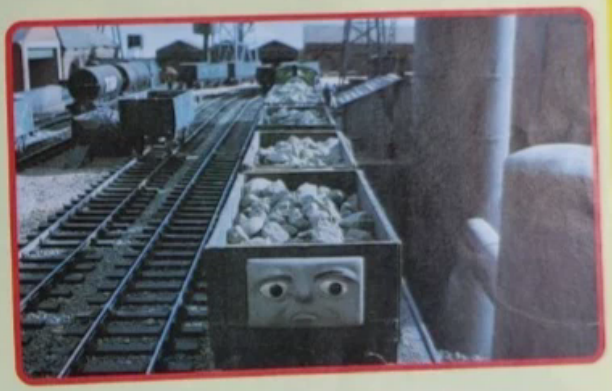
These trucks are all ready for trouble in the yard. "You can try and shunt us all you like, all you like," they chant.

Percy is trying to shunt a particularly troublesome truck. "You won't move me you silly green engine," he taunts.



Percy and the other engines were annoyed, "Those trucks are noisy and silly," complains Duck. "Yes," agrees Percy, "They should all go to scrap!"

Percy has got the trucks all lined up neatly and is pushing them along the line. "There," he says, "trucks in their proper place!"



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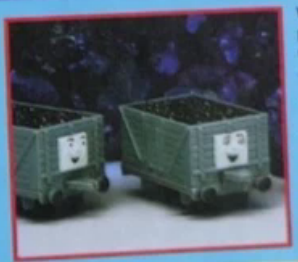

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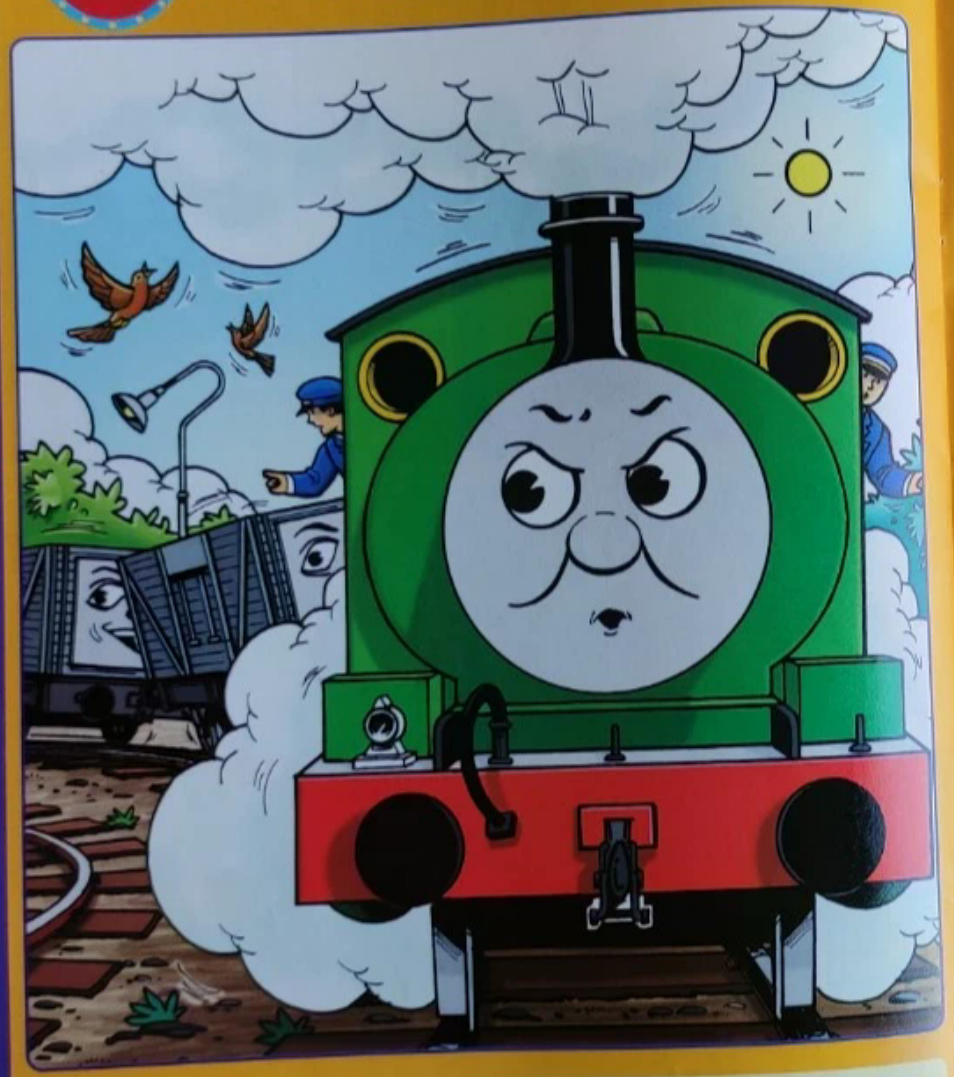
percy's bedtime story

TV Star Engines

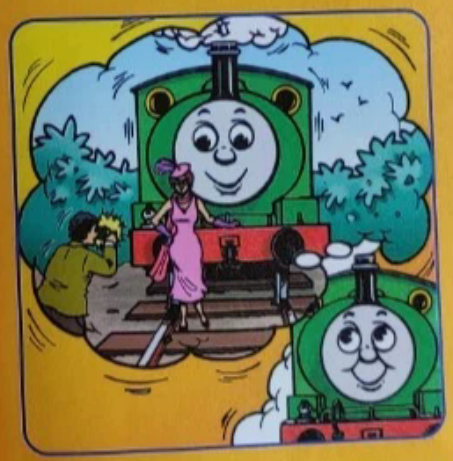


1. Percy was fed up. All week he had been shunting trucks in the yard. "It's not fair, I never get to do any of the fun and exciting jobs!" He went to the shed for a break.

2. The Fat Controller was there. "I was waiting for you to return before making my very special announcement," he said to all the engines gathered in the shed.

3. "A TV film crew has arrived on the island to make a programme about Sodor. They have asked me if they could film some of my Really Useful famous engines."

4. "I have decided to choose Percy, James and Thomas to take part. Filming will start tomorrow morning." All the engines were very proud, but especially Percy.

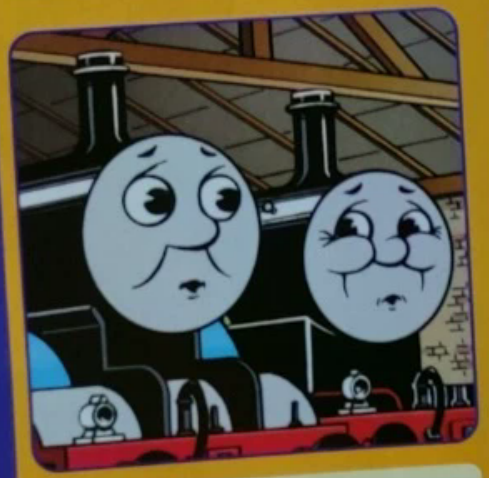


5. The engines went back to their jobs, but Percy couldn't stop thinking about the filming. He imagined himself with awards, surrounded by famous people.

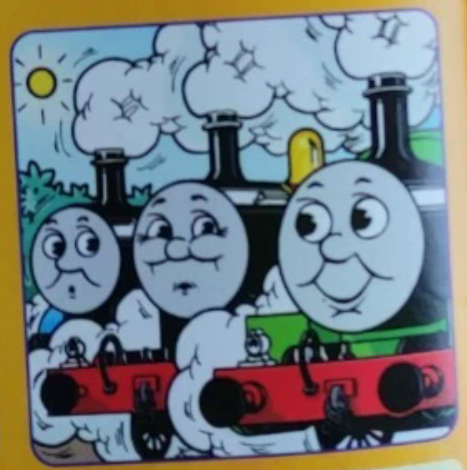
6. He kept bragging to the trucks and he wasn't paying attention to shunting. The trucks bumped him into the buffers. Percy's buffers were all bent and scratched.

7. The Fat Controller was very upset when he saw Percy. "You can't go on TV looking like that, Percy! You must go to The Works to be mended," he said.

8. "And, I'm afraid if you're not ready first thing tomorrow morning, we'll start filming without you," Percy trundled sadly away to The Works.



9. The next morning, it was time to film the TV programme. Percy was still at The Works and James and Thomas waited for him. They didn't want to leave without him.



10. But it was time to go, so they headed out slowly, without Percy, to where the filming was taking place. Suddenly they heard, "Peep Peep! Make way for the star!"

11. Percy panted up to the engines with a brand new set of buffers. The Fat Controller looked at his watch, very annoyed, but James and Thomas were very happy.

12. At the place where the TV programme was filmed, everyone worked together and it all went well. Percy, James and Thomas were **all** the stars of the show!

The End

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to complete this picture.

Now use your crayons to colour in the picture!

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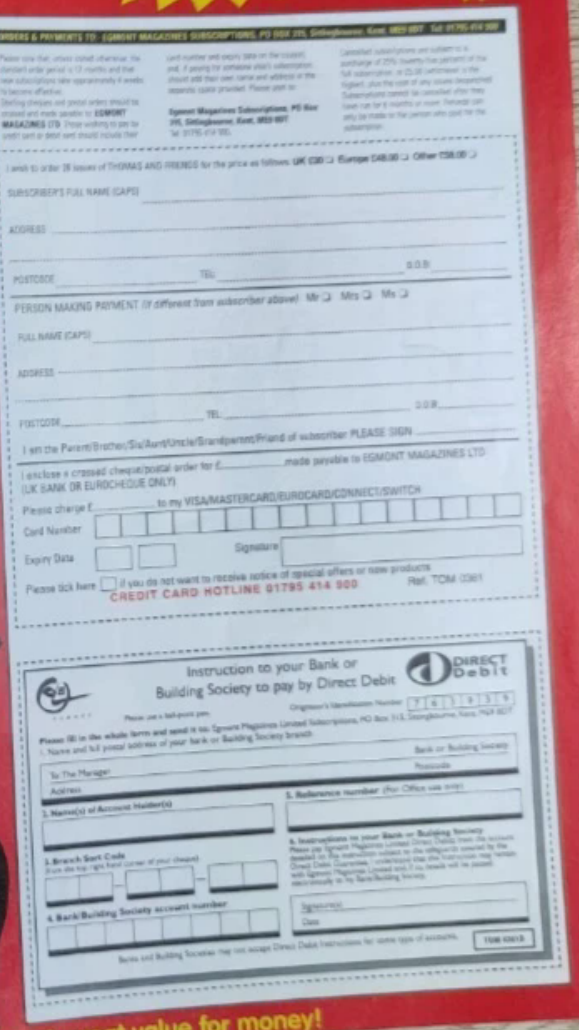

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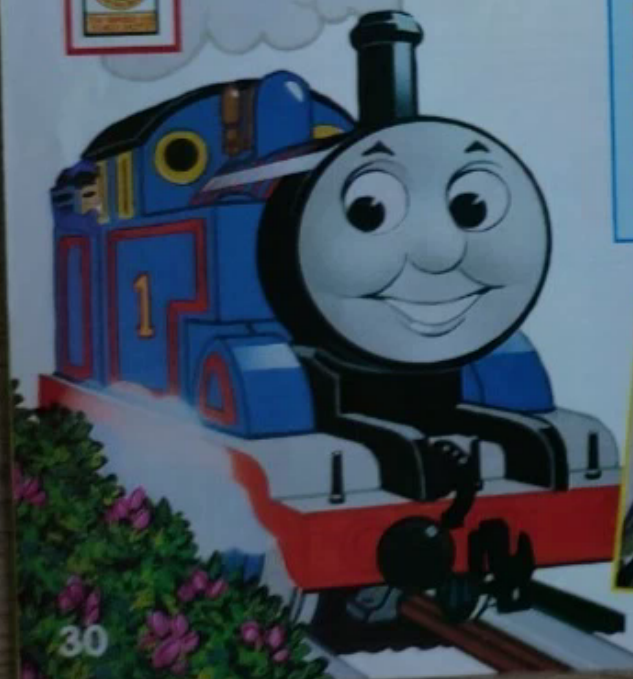

Elliot Miles, aged 2.

James Rowley, aged 3.

Henry the Green Engine, by Joshua Scott, aged 6.

Bust my buffers! It's The Fat Controller, by Jamie Thomas, aged 5.

A splendid picture of Thomas, by Lois Gibson, aged 7.

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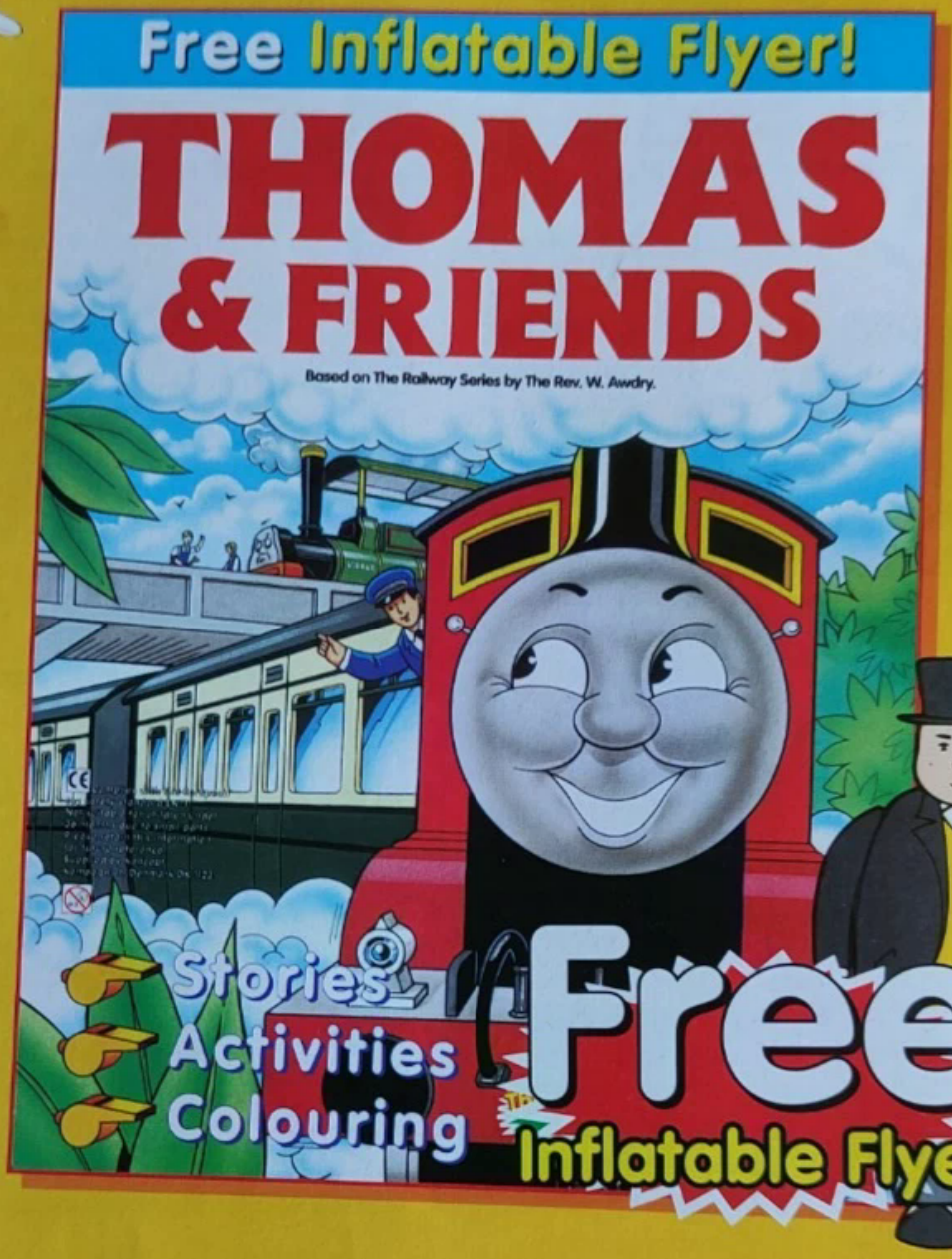

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